

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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## Worship Schedule

### Saturday Vigils

St. Joseph	4:00pm
St. Patrick	5:30pm

### Sunday

St. Joseph	8:30am
St. Patrick	11:00am

### Daily Liturgy

St. Joseph	Monday & Thursday	12:00pm
St. Patrick	Tuesday & Wednesday	12:00pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph - Saturday	3:00 - 3:30pm
Monday & Thursday	upon request
St. Patrick - Tuesday & Wednesday	11:30am before Mass and Saturday following 5:30 Mass

### Adoration

St. Joseph	To Be Announced
Thursday	
St. Patrick	11:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday	

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*We respectfully ask that all observe a reverent silence and appropriate dress*



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
December 10/11

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Alice Molampy</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Larry Marcial</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Terry McDonough</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Diane Sierra</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <i>December 18th</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>

*Dec. 4th - Dec. 10th*  
*The Sanctuary Candle*  
*burns*  
*In Memory of*  
*Howard Kingdon Sr.*  
*By*  
*The Bensley Family*

Weekly Offering

November 27, 2022  
\$ 3669.50

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generosity!**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Thursday, December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7th at St. Patrick's Church at 7:00pm and Thursday December 8th at St. Joseph's at 12noon. There will be no 12noon Mass at St. Patrick's on Wednesday 12/7.

**POINSETTIA MEMORIALS** Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Special RED Envelopes have been placed at all entrances to the Church. If you would like a Poinsettia, please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose payment. You may drop them into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. **Deadline is December 18th.** A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the December 25th Bulletin.

## **ADVENT GIVING TREE:**

Our Advent Giving Tree and Cradle are in the front entrance of the Church. Each year your generous support of this fundraiser helps the Tri-State Pregnancy Center distribute baby items to needy families in our area. If you wish to participate just take an ornament (made by our CCD Classes) off the tree and purchase the item printed on the back then return the gift to the Cradle, no need to wrap! Again, we thank you for your continued support!

## **COFFEE SOCIAL:**

Our next coffee social will be on Sunday, Jan. 5th immediately following the 8:30am Mass. In order to continue this very popular parish activity we are in need of volunteers to help, not only with donations of baked goods, but also with the cleaning up afterwards. "Many hands make light work". If you can help, please call Lee Kenney 570-491-2620.

## **MARY, A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:**

An exploration of the life and work and meaning of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

**Session #2 at St. Joseph's Tuesday, December 6th at 2:00pm (notice the time change)** Session#3 will be at St. Patrick's Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00pm and be repeated at **St. Joseph's on Tuesday, December 20th at 2:00pm.** All are welcome! Come and spend a little time with this amazing Lady, Our Blessed Mother Mary! Please contact Clare Nied at 570-296-2506 with any questions!

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND REFLECTION:**

Will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday, December 15th from 6:30—7:30pm

## **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$37,000.00**. To date our pledges total **34,595.00!! 94%**. To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't made a pledge yet we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember that 75% of all money over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Annual Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, and Parish Life plus the Tri-State Pregnancy Center and The Food Pantry right here in Pike County!

## **CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST:**

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Any high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior who is a practicing Catholic of St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's, St. Vincent De Paul's, St. John Neumann's, or St. Ann's parish can apply. For an application email



## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the parish of St. Joseph's, in union with our Holy Father, our bishop, and our pastor, seek to grow in holiness as a welcoming and caring family reaching out to all. As a faith-filled community celebrating the Eucharist, we strive to enrich our spiritual lives by cultivating a deeper relationship with Christ through the sacraments. We are united in faith and find unity in diversity as we pray for the grace to use our gifts and talents to promote the knowledge of God's love.



# The Catholic Community of St. Patrick

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 10/11

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Annette Petry
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cody Sebring
<b>Children's Faith Formation:</b> For information please contact Jack Boyle, DRE at 908-451-1206 or jackb18337@gmail.com.

*Nov. 4th - Dec 10th*  
*The Sanctuary Candle*  
*burns*  
*In Memory of*  
*Marie Gaynor*  
*By*  
*Caroline Pellegrino*

*Weekly Collection*  
*November 20th, 2022*  
*\$2017.00*

*Mortgage Offertory*  
*November 20th, 2022*  
*\$589.00*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend December 10th and 11th the second collection will be dedicated to the People Helping People Fund.

### **MARY, A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:**

An exploration of the life and work and meaning of Mary the Mother of Jesus. The next session will be at St. Joseph's Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 2:00pm and at **St. Patrick's on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm.** Please contact Clare Nied at 570-296-2506 with any questions!

### **PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ANGEL TREE PRESENTS ARE DUE NEXT WEEK:**

The tree is now decorated, and in the Narthex with gift tags for Pike County area children. Please consider making a child's Christmas bright. Please make sure to bring all gifts back to the Narthex by next week, December 11th with the tag attached to outside of the gift. We cannot collect any later then December 11th so please remember to bring them back.

**GREATER MILFORD SOCIAL CLUB:** This Thursday, December 8th, at 6pm at St. Patrick's Community Hall there will be a free dinner. All are welcome. Special presentation by Martha Dubinsky of Gait, who will be speaking about horse therapy, and how it helps the veterans and young people in the community. Along with live music. Please call Tony Perito at 845-943-0035 if you have any questions.

**SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN:** Anyone wishing to have prayers said for themselves or another may e-mail Tom Hogan at [тчogan@ptd.net](mailto:тчogan@ptd.net) or call 570-872-4925.

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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY:** Please join us for our Children's Christmas Party, Next Sunday, December 11th immediately following the 11:00 mass. Children are invited to come in their favorite Christmas pajamas! We will have Christmas crafts, Minute to Win it games, family photo opportunities, food, a hot chocolate bar, a Christmas Movie, and more! If you'd like to volunteer setting up, helping with crafts/games, cleaning up, or have any fun ideas please call Shannen at 570-296-7451.

**POINSETTIA MEMORIAL:** We will be offering the poinsettia's to be memorialized again this Christmas. The cost is \$20.00 each. The deadline is December 18th. There are red envelopes located at the entrance of the Church. Please print the names clearly. A list will be placed in the bulletin.

**OUR LADY OF GUATALUPE MASS:** Will be held on Monday, December 12th at 6:30.

### **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$33,000.00**. To date our pledges total **\$21,532.00!! 65.25%** To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't made a pledge yet we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember that 75% of all money over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Annual Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, and Parish Life plus the Tri-State Pregnancy Center and The Food Pantry right here in Pike County!

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## **St. Patrick's Parish**

*is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves to hearing, learning and sharing the good news of God's Word as we reverently celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. We strive to promote a culture of love and respect for all human life and for the beautiful world in which we live. We welcome all people to participate in the spiritual and social life of our parish family.*



## Remembering Dec. 5th – Dec 11th

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)

Julia Allen

Bill & Mary Gaa

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Jerry Dilger

Ann and Richard Dilger

Wednesday

Immaculate Conception Vigil

7:00pm (SP)

Shan Sullivan

Perito Family

Thursday

Immaculate Conception

12:00pm (SJ)

Barbara Guinn

Helen Findlay

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

Patrick & Jennie Lapriore

The Drake Family

5:30PM (SP)

Sister Imelda Loue

Bill and Aedeon Hansen

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)

Robert Kyle

The Kyle Family

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Not by appearance shall he judge,  
nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
but he shall judge the poor with justice,  
and decide aright for the land's afflicted. (Is 11:3-4)

### PSALM:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for  
ever. (Ps 72)

### SECOND READING:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,  
for the glory of God. (Rom 15:7)

### GOSPEL:

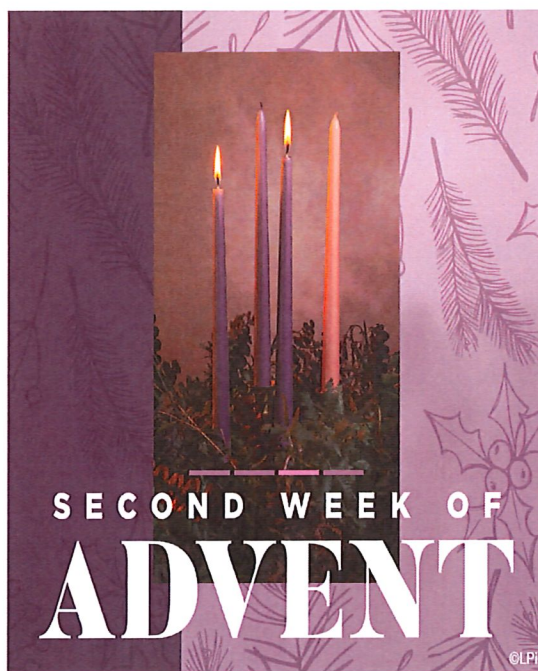
John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea  
and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at  
hand!" (Mt 3:1-2)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop  
Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope



## Saint of the Week

Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.

As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasius and Saint Protasus.



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